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insinuations on the floor of the House? If you, Sir, are convinced that he is not justified in saying so, I request that he should withdraw his remark."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" What is the point, Sir, of the hon. Member saying ' these things happen particularly in the Andhra area and in my area '? "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The point which Mr. Venkteswarlu raises is that in spite of provocation the Hon. Chief Minister should not say so."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I would myself have considered it a commonplace; but Member after Member, politician after politician and friend after friend have been pressing on me the emotional character of the Andhras and in fact they are putting many amendments on that basis."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The word ' emotional ' is not an insinuation. Sometimes everybody is emotional."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Whether the use of the word ' emotional ' is an insinuation or not is not the question. To say that a particular area is emotional is an insinuation. If we use such words, the Hon. Chief Minister will take strong exception."

SRI K KRISHNA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that a similar case has occurred in Tellicherry also and it is not peculiar to Andhra alone?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member should correct his colleague, Mr. P. Venkateswarlu.'

Punishment of certain constables in Madras City.

* 778 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of constables in Madras City who have been discharged or removed from service after the 2nd of January 1953 up to date;

(*b*) the number of constables in Madras City who have been suspended and whose cases are still pending enquiry;

(*c*) the number of constables in the City who have been punished otherwise than either by dismissal, discharge from service or suspension; and

(*d*) the number of constables in the City who have been dismissed without any enquiry?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) to (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many of the causes that inspired the police constables on a short term adventure were on

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the file of consideration of the Government and for how long and how many of them were subsequently rectified after this adventure? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" This has nothing to do with the strike. The hon. Member is probably confusing the question with another thing. This is a question of statistical gathering of all information as to quite a different set of cases, viz., neglect of duty, desertion, receiving illegal gratification, etc."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI:—" During 1946 about 40,000 police constables struck work in U.P. for higher salaries and certain privileges and their demands were met afterwards. Why in this City alone . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—" This question is about departmental arrangements and not about strikes."

Agencies for supplying medicines to Government hospitals.

* 779 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) who are the agencies for supplying medicines to Government and Local Boards' Hospitals and dispensaries;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent of the allotment to each medical institution is spent on packing and freight, etc.; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken to see that the expenditure on packing and transport is reduced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The main source for obtaining the medicines required for Government, Local Fund and Municipal Medical Institutions is the Medical Stores Depot, Madras. In the case of medicines which could not be obtained from this depot, they are purchased from local markets subject to safeguard regarding quality and price.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The necessity for considering this question has not so far arisen."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—" What is the percentage spent on packing, etc., for medicines bought from the Medical Stores Depot, Madras? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" It is not a fact, Sir, that 50 per cent is spent on packing, freight charges, etc. The expenses on these 2 items is only a small proportion. For instance the headquarters hospital at Salem last year purchased medicines from the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, worth Rupees 1,73,998 and the total expenditure incurred on packing, freight charges, etc., was only Rs. 4,538."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA:—" Sir, the Medical Stores Depot is supplying medicines to all the headquarters hospitals and also to